



## writing a first novel: Nick Dybek

June 7, 6:30 pm, OSH

*Granta*, the magazine of new writing, heralded Nick Dybek in its New Voices series for his first novel, *When Captain Flint Was Still a Good Man*, released in April. In an interview with *Granta*, Nick described his desire "to write about a setting that fuelled my imagination...one that would inspire invention." Hear more from Nick on June 7.

Reading Shakespeare's *Richard II* helped Nick discover a story he wanted to tell. The play's haunting images evoked new scenes in Nick's mind. Hear how he began to trust the power of invention, how he let himself imagine the seeds of narrative, and how that inspiration led him to Washington's Olympic Peninsula to research his story.

## reviews

*Library Journal* proclaims *Captain Flint* "A captivating, literary coming-of-age novel...with a deep, otherworldly quality."

"Robert Louis Stevenson would be proud of Nick Dybek... He delivers a page-turner full of danger, secrets, and betrayals." – Stewart O'Nan

"An authentic, atmospheric, coming-of-age story with a painful dilemma....A terrific debut." – C. J. Box

"In this tale of good men 'doing unspeakable harm to other people,' Dybek proves himself an observant, appealing writer." – *Kirkus Reviews*



Bookbug will sell copies of *Captain Flint* at the event



## summer dreamin'

Read and dream this summer, open your mind, hear new stories, imagine new realities. Dreams make us all authors! Sign up for summer reading beginning Wednesday, June 13 at any KPL location.

The kids' game, Dream Big Read!, tween game, Monster Hunt, teen game, Dream Warriors, and adult game, Stellar Reads, all encourage reading through rewards and prize drawings at the end of summer. Even little ones ages 0-5 years earn a sticker each time they report books read to them.

All summer reading games sponsored by the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library.

## art hop

### Voices of Northern Uganda

June 1  
6-8 pm  
CEN



*Through Their Stories: Moving Beyond Invisible Children* showcases the art, poems, and stories of students at Nebbi Standard Academy Secondary School and other villagers in Nebbi, Uganda.

Created with art supplies donated by Kalamazoo area residents, the works depict individuals' daily lives and challenges, often showing the effects of past regional conflict.

In giving voice to individuals from the region, the students' art, poems, and stories also reveal the importance of education in moving forward.

### Cosponsors:

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# events

## books

### Classics Revisited

May 17, 7 pm, CEN

Join lovers of classic literature to discuss *The Charterhouse of Parma* by Stendhal. Read George Eliot's *Middlemarch* over the summer for the September 20 discussion.

### Urban Fiction

May 22, 6 pm, POW

June 26, 6 pm, POW

This popular street lit discussion group will talk about *Good Girl Gone Bad* by Danette Majette in May then break until September. Pick up a copy of the novel at Powell. Refreshments.

### Sidewalk Sale

June 2, 9 am-3:30 pm, CEN

Books for 10¢ each or \$2 for a bag full—what a bargain! Choose from thousands of books at the annual Friends of the Library sidewalk sale during the downtown June Jubilee! Do-Dah Parade, the KIA Art Fair in Bronson Park, and the Friends Sale—three great reasons to come downtown on Saturday, June 2!

Select from tables with more than 10,000 books sorted by type: fiction, romance, science fiction, nonfiction, etc. Kids can browse carts full of children's books. Everyone who buys a book at the sale gets a coupon for a free book with purchase from Friends Bookstore, open from 9 am to 4 pm on June 2. More great values inside, too!

## music

### Songs You Thought You Knew

May 8, 6 pm, OSH

Arnie Johnston may be the foremost translator of songs by Jacques Brel, the noted Belgian singer-songwriter. Enjoy a concert featuring songs by Brel, Gabriel Fauré, Edith Piaf, Kurt Weill, Charles Aznavour, and others.



### Wally Pleasant

May 16, 7 pm, CEN

While not quite a comedian nor a folk singer, Wally performs humorous songs based on folk music plus 1950s-60s rock and roll. Nashville's Spat Records recently brought out Wally's sixth album, *Music for Nerds & Perverts*.

### Red Sea Pedestrians

June 13, 7 pm, CEN

With imaginative originals, carefully chosen covers, creative, inventive arrangements and a delightful rapport with the crowd, the Red Sea Pedestrians please audiences of all ages and all walks of life.



### Campfire Stories & Songs

June 18, 6 pm, Oshtemo Township Park

Robin Nott leads good old fashioned campfire songs and stories. Roast marshmallows. Weather permitting.



## history & genealogy

### African American Newspapers

May 6, 2 pm CEN

Learn how to find and effectively use African American newspapers in genealogical research from family historian and lecturer Tim Pinnick.

His 25 years experience includes work in all the major U.S. repositories. Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society, cosponsor.

### Michigan at the Exposition

May 9, 7 pm, CEN

As a major contributor to the Columbian Exposition, aka The Chicago World's Fair, Michigan earned a prominent place for its state house. Historian Tom Buettner will explain why 27 million people attended the 1893 Fair and describe Michigan's exhibits in his slide show.



### Honor Flight Michigan

June 11, 6 pm, OSH

This documentary tells the life stories of several Michigan soldiers who served their country during WWII and documents their all expenses paid honor flight to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Join the filmmakers for a Q & A after the screening.

## & more

### A Bridge to Cuba

May 1, 6:30-7:30 pm, EAS

After decades of tightly closed borders, Cuba now accepts person-to-person cultural exchanges. Librarian Kristin Tyrrell will share her impressions after a recent trip that included Havana, Cienfuego, and Trinidad plus meetings with artists and writers.

### Ask a Lawyer

May 10, 6-8 pm, CEN

May 11, June 8, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN

June 5, 6-8 pm, POW

Free legal clinic with Bar Association lawyers. Call 553-7920 for a 20-minute appointment.

### Game Hour for 55+

May 17, 2 pm, OSH

Enjoy games and socializing at the library. Play bridge, checkers, Wii bowling, and more!

### Park Dedication

May 19, 2-4 pm, Oshtemo Township Park

Join the Oshtemo Friends of the Park for an afternoon of activities including a Funburst Run, face painting, scavenger hunt, sidewalk chalk, and refreshments. Weather permitting.

### Movies Under the Stars

June 21, Dusk, Oshtemo Township Park

Bring your blanket or lawn chair! Watch Kermit and his friends go to New York to stage a Broadway musical in *The Muppets Take Manhattan*. Cosponsored by Friends of the Oshtemo Township Park. Weather permitting.



### ® Joy of Origami

June 5, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Traditional Japanese paper folding has evolved into a modern art form. Learn how origami folds combine to make intricate designs. Fold a star, lily, box, and crane. Registration required; call 553-7970.







# news



may 7-13, 2012

## children's book week

## our friends are stars!

Celebrate Children's Book Week at a family storytime, schedule a time to read to Bailey, or simply read your child to sleep at bedtime. Help your child learn to love reading!

Children's Book Week began with the idea that children's books can change lives. In 1913, Franklin K. Matthiews, the librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, toured the country to promote higher standards in children's books. He proclaimed, "A great nation is a reading nation."

In 1944, the newly-established Children's Book Council took over Children's Book Week. The week now concludes with the gala Children's Choice Book Awards, the only award that lets kids and teens choose the winning book of the year in four categories, K-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and Teens.

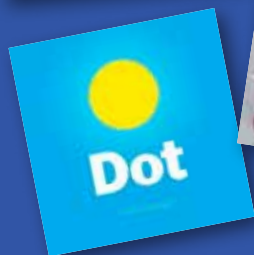
Vote for your 2012 winners here:  
[www.bookweekonline.com/voting](http://www.bookweekonline.com/voting)

Director Ann Rohrbaugh nominated the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library for the STAR Award volunteer group category.

Although the Friends weren't selected for the award, they're absolutely stars as far as the library's concerned! Our wonderful Friends donate more than 7,125 hours each year in the Friends Bookstore, receiving, sorting, preparing, and selling books.

Their work yields \$50,000+ in donations to the library each year to support programs like Reading Together and the Global Reading Challenge, special projects like door prizes for First Saturday @ KPL, and scholarships for KPL staff attending library school.

The value of the Friends to the community may not be realized by the public, but their impact as a volunteer group is tremendous. They've supported literacy and promoted library use in Kalamazoo since 1937. Learn more or join them at [www.kpl.gov/friends](http://www.kpl.gov/friends).



Children's Book Week, K-2nd Nominees



## global reading winners

Representing the Central Library, the Star Readers of Arcadia Elementary School won the Global Reading Challenge trophy by a narrow margin!

Five branch challenge winners competed Monday night, April 23, for the final award. 112 teams of 4th and 5th grade students from 16 elementary schools competed this year.

The Challenge promotes reading with books that celebrate the world's diversity. Each team reads the same ten books and prepares to answer questions about characters, plots, and settings in a quizbowl competition.

Learn more at [www.kpl.gov/kids](http://www.kpl.gov/kids).

# tween/teen

## Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

May 2 & June 6, 3:30 CEN, TEEN AREA

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 7-12.

## Free Comic Book Day

May 5, All day, CEN

Celebrate comics! Get a free comic book from your library (while supplies last). Pick up in the Teen Area. All ages.

## Games @ Powell

May 8, 6 pm, POW

Wii, video games, music, prizes, snacks. Gr 5-12.

## ® Create with Duct Tape

May 10, 4:30 pm, OSH

May 17, 4 pm, EAST

May 23, 4 pm, POW

Create bookmarks, magnets and journals with super useful Duct Tape! We supply materials, you supply creativity. Gr 5-12. Registration required, call 553-7807.

## Gamers' Arena

May 12, 2 pm, CEN

Play our board, card, role-playing or video games, or bring one of your own! Strategy, skill, snacks, and fun @ KPL. Gr 5-12.

## J-Pop Club

May 21 & June 18, 3:30 pm, CEN

An afternoon of Japanese pop culture! Enjoy anime, manga, Pocky, and food. Gr 7-12.

## Teen Open Mic Night

May 22 & June 26, 6:30 pm, OSH

Calling teen performers! Sing, read, act, or just hang out. Snacks. Gr 7-12.

## Gamers' Arena: Brawl

June 9, 2 pm, CEN

By popular demand, it's an all-fighting game tournament! *Smash Bros.*, *Marvel vs. Capcom*, and more! Food and prizes. Gr 7-12.

## Pizza and Pages

June 12, 6 pm, POW

Grab a copy of *November Blues* by Sharon Draper at the Powell desk. Take it home, read it, then join us for pizza and to talk about this book and other great titles you've read! Gr 7-12.

## Starlab

June 13, 2-4 pm, POW

Gaze at the night sky during the day in Starlab's portable planetarium. Enjoy hands-on Starlab activities while you wait for the next show. Multiple 10-25 minute shows for up to 25 stargazers at a time. Gr 5-12.

## Dancing with Wii

June 14, 2 pm, EAST

*Just Dance*, *Michael Jackson Experience* and *DDR* all in one afternoon. No dancing experience required! Prize drawings. Snacks. Gr 5-12.

## Flying Aces Disc Dogs

June 21, 2 pm, OSH

See an amazing show by The Flying Aces and their Disc Dogs! Learn Frisbee techniques and dog psychology. Join the audience contest! All ages.

## ® Candy Craze

June 28, 2 pm, WSQ

Enjoy yummy candy then use the wrapper to create projects like journals, bracelets, bookmarks, or buttons. We supply materials, you supply creativity. Gr 5-12. Registration required, call 553-7807.



## Teen Open Mic Night

May 22 &  
June 26  
6:30 pm  
OSH



## start summer @ kpl

June 13

School's out! Start your summer @ KPL! Sign up starts on June 13 for the summer reading game at any library location.

Tweens and teens in grades 5-12! Enjoy gaming and crafting in the Central Library's new and improved Teen Area on June 15, from 1-5 pm.

® Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.



# kids

## party in the park

**May 30, 10-11 am**  
**Bronson Park**



Celebrate the joy of reading at KPL's 15th annual Party in the Park! Bring your preschool-aged children to a very special storytime featuring:

- A book for each child
- Healthy snacks and juice
- Lots of wonderful stories

Community leaders and costumed characters read stories throughout the free event.

### Groups welcome!

Call 553-7873 by Friday, May 25, with number of kids and adults attending.

Bring a blanket to sit on. Portable toilets will be available in the park.

Event cancelled in case of rain. If in doubt, call 553-7873 on May 30.

### Sponsors:



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## Toddler Talk

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am, OSH**  
**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

Toddlers play while adults share joys/challenges of the 1-3 year old. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## Baby Talk

**Wednesdays, 3 pm, OSH**  
**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents/caregivers. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## Read with Bailey

**Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 pm, OSH**  
**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey the loveable Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle mix). Registration required, call 553-7984.



## LEGO at the Library

**Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am**  
**May 5, June 2, OSH**  
**May 19, June 16, CEN**

**Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 pm,**  
**May 15, WSQ**

Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine with other LEGO fans. All bricks provided, from Duplo to Expert Builder. All ages.

## Spring Fling Crafts

**May 14-18, 1-5 pm, POW**

Drop in this week to make a springtime craft to take home. Ages 5-11.

## Singalong Storytime

**May 14, 6:30 pm, OSH**  
**June 11, 6:30 pm, CEN**

Favorite singalong songs and special guests make storytime fun for the whole family.

## Sport Cup Stacking

**May 15, 4 pm, EAS**

Awesome! Unbelievable! "Mr. Jim" Merrills shows kids how to up and down stack cup pyramids at amazing speeds.

## Take Flight Tonight

**June 8, 4 pm, CEN**

Meet live bats from the Americas and Africa—some with a 3-foot wingspan! Learn how bats use sound waves to navigate, their role in the food web, and why we should protect their ecosystem.

## Binder Park Zoomobile

**June 15, 10:30 & 11:45 am, EAS**

Zoom to the library for an up close and personal visit with animals from the Binder Park Zoo. Ticket required. All ages.

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

**T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.



## ❶ Crichtlow Alligators

**June 18, 2 pm, POW**

Meet real crocodilians, lizards, and amphibians from Crichtlow Alligator Sanctuary. All animals secured for public contact and handling.

## ❶ Pajama Jam

**June 25, 6 p.m., CEN**

Funnyman Joel Tacey celebrates reading by bringing eight bedtime stories to life using magic, comedy, music, and more.

## ❶ Magic in the Dark

**June 21, 1 & 3:30 pm, WSQ**

What do you see in the blackness of the night? Flying bats? Shining stars? An animal's glowing eyes? "Mr Jim" Merrills shows how magicians make magic in the dark!

## ❶ Chemical Kim

**June 27, 2-3 pm, EAS**

Investigate the wonders of science in this interactive program with Kim De Clercq, resident scientist on Take Five & Company, WZZM 13.

## ❶ Copper Tom

**June 28, 10:30 pm, EAS**

Sing and dance along to familiar and new music from Copper Tom's award-winning CDs. Short and sweet songs keep little ones engaged!

## Tales on the Trail

**June 29, 10:30 am, POW**

Start your summer walk on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail with an outdoor storytime. Go to [www.kalamazoorivervalleytrail.com](http://www.kalamazoorivervalleytrail.com) to learn more. Family.



## storytimes

Librarians consider developmental stages when planning stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Babies and toddlers must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Siblings may attend any storytime as guests.

### Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for children, from birth to age five. Librarians select the best books for the group that attends.

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW**

**May 2, 9, 16, 23**

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS**

**May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**June 7, 14, 21**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH**

**May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**June 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN**

**May 4, 11, 18, 25**

**June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**Saturdays, 2 pm, CEN**

**May 12, 19, 26**

**June 9, 16, 23, 30**

### Baby Lapsit

**Mondays, 1:30 pm, CEN**

**May 7, 14, 21**

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**

For babies from birth through walking.

### Baby Steps

**Mondays, 2:30 pm, CEN**

**May 7, 14, 21**

**June 4, 11, 18, 25**

For walking babies up to two years.

### Toddler Storytime

**Tuesdays, 10 am, CEN**

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

**June 5, 12, 19, 26**

Stories, songs, simple crafts for 2-3½ year olds.



## first saturday @ kpl

**May 5, June 2**

**2-4 pm, CEN**

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month!

Enjoy stories, special guests, activities hosted by Kalamazoo Public Library and the Kalamazoo Public Schools.



Cosponsored by community organizations that serve children and families:

- May 5 – Kalamazoo Literacy Council
- June 2 – NAACP and Northside Ministerial Alliance

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# director's note



### kpl invests in nonprofit leaders

ONEplace@kpl has offered Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence for three years at Kalamazoo Public Library.

In that short time, ONEplace has earned the respect of staff, board, volunteers, donors, and others engaged in the area's nonprofit sector.

ONEplace's dynamic model features free workshops, webinars, peer networks, resources, individual/small group assistance, and referrals—providing 160 programs and serving 8,000 contacts per year! Through ONEplace offerings, individuals are managing their jobs better; building best practices in their organizations; and advancing their careers.

ONEplace launched a Nonprofit Leadership Academy in January. The Academy, developed in response to increasing leadership transitions as baby boomers retire, is preparing a pool of potential nonprofit directors/CEOs.

The Academy's model strengthens and expands the 19 participants' areas of expertise as they explore functional, managerial, and leadership responsibilities. Practicing experts

lead the comprehensive, 10-day curriculum that includes assessments and mentor support.

All involved praise the Academy experience. Comments from their bi-weekly surveys include: experience exceeded my expectations; putting information to work in my current organization; mentor/mentee relationship is amazing.

On June 1, the Academy graduates this inaugural class. We will celebrate their commitment to nonprofit leadership and their preparation for success when they step into future nonprofit executive positions. They, our nonprofits, and our community will all benefit!

Kalamazoo Public Library thanks the funders, especially the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation and Kalamazoo Community Foundation, whose vision and ongoing support provide for ONEplace@kpl. We also gratefully acknowledge the leadership of Bobbe Luce, first director of ONEplace, and a 2012 recipient of the YWCA's Women of Achievement Award.

*Ann Rohbaugh*

### Central Library – CEN

315 S Rose St, 49007  
553-7800

### Friends of the Library Bookstore

315 S Rose St, 49007  
553-7820

### Eastwood – EAS

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048  
553-7810

### Oshtemo – OSH

7265 W Main St, 49009  
553-7980

### Alma Powell – POW

1000 W Paterson St, 49007  
553-7960

### Washington Square – WSQ

1244 Portage St, 49001  
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